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**SENATE BILL 600  
Education/Higher Education Committee Substitute Adopted 4/17/19  
PROPOSED HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE S600-PCS15407-BH-31**

Short Title: Vets Children/Short-Term Workforce Training.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CHILDREN OF WARTIME VETERANS RECEIVING A  
3 CLASS I-A, I-B, OR IV SCHOLARSHIP MAY USE THOSE FUNDS TO COVER THE  
4 COST OF SHORT-TERM WORKFORCE TRAINING COURSES LEADING TO  
5 INDUSTRY CREDENTIALS AND PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT  
6 MODIFICATIONS.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 143B-1225(a)(1) reads as rewritten:

9 "(1) With respect to State educational institutions, unless expressly limited  
10 elsewhere in this Part, a scholarship shall consist of:

- 11 a. Tuition at the State educational institution.  
12 b. A standard board allowance.  
13 c. A standard room allowance.  
14 d. Matriculation and other institutional fees required to be paid as a  
15 condition to remaining in the institution and pursuing the course of  
16 study selected.  
17 e. For Class I-A, I-B, and IV scholarships, as defined by  
18 G.S. 143B-1226(b), the cost of short-term workforce training courses  
19 leading to industry credentials."

20 **SECTION 1.(b)** G.S. 143B-1226(b)(2) reads as rewritten:

21 "(2) Class I-B: Under this class a limited scholarship providing only those benefits  
22 set forth in ~~G.S. 143B-1225(a)(1)a. and d.~~ G.S. 143B-1225(a)(1)a., d., and e.,  
23 and G.S. 143B-1225(a)(2) shall be awarded to any child whose veteran parent,  
24 at the time the benefits pursuant to this Part are sought to be availed of, is or  
25 was at the time of his death receiving compensation for a wartime  
26 service-connected disability of one hundred percent (100%) as rated by the  
27 United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Provided, that if the veteran  
28 parent of a recipient under this class should die of his wartime  
29 service-connected condition before the recipient shall have utilized all of his  
30 scholarship eligibility time, then the North Carolina Department of Military  
31 and Veterans Affairs shall amend the recipient's award from Class I-B to Class  
32 I-A for the remainder of the recipient's eligibility time. The effective date of  
33 such an amended award shall be determined by the Department of Military  
34 and Veterans Affairs but, in no event shall it predate the date of the veteran  
35 parent's death."



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1           **SECTION 2.(a)** G.S. 143B-1406(d) reads as rewritten:

2           "(d) Use of Funds. – A PSAP that receives a distribution from the 911 Fund may not use  
3 the amount received to pay for the lease or purchase of real estate, cosmetic remodeling of  
4 emergency dispatch centers, hiring or compensating telecommunicators, or the purchase of  
5 mobile communications vehicles, ambulances, fire engines, or other emergency vehicles.  
6 Distributions received by a PSAP may be used only to pay for the following:

7           (1) The lease, purchase, or maintenance of:

- 8           a. Emergency telephone equipment, including necessary computer  
9 hardware, software, and database provisioning.  
10           b. Addressing.  
11           c. Telecommunicator furniture.  
12           d. Dispatch equipment located exclusively within a building where a  
13 PSAP or back-up PSAP is located, excluding the costs of base station  
14 transmitters, towers, microwave links, and antennae used to dispatch  
15 emergency call information from the PSAP or back-up PSAP.

16           (1a) The costs of contracting for communication services incurred by a city or  
17 county that operates a PSAP if all of the following apply:

- 18           a. The city or county, or both, have a written agreement with a major  
19 military installation as defined in G.S. 143-215.115 that operates a  
20 PSAP.  
21           b. The written agreement requires the parties to mutually serve as a  
22 back-up PSAP or military secondary PSAP for each other.  
23           c. The contract for communication services is necessary to ensure the  
24 PSAP operated by the city or county establishes and maintains the  
25 maximum amount of next generation 911 system compatibility with  
26 the PSAP operated by the major military installation.

27           (2) The nonrecurring costs of establishing a 911 system.

28           (3) Expenditures for in-State training of 911 personnel regarding the maintenance  
29 and operation of the 911 system. Allowable training expenses include the cost  
30 of transportation, lodging, instructors, certifications, improvement programs,  
31 quality assurance training, training associated with call taking, and emergency  
32 medical, fire, or law enforcement procedures, and training specific to  
33 managing a PSAP or supervising PSAP staff. Training outside the State is not  
34 an eligible expenditure unless the training is unavailable in the State or the  
35 PSAP documents that the training costs are less if received out-of-state.  
36 Training specific to the receipt of 911 calls is allowed only for intake and  
37 related call taking quality assurance and improvement. Instructor certification  
38 costs and course required prerequisites, including physicals, psychological  
39 exams, and drug testing, are not allowable expenditures.

40           (4) Charges associated with the service supplier's 911 service and other service  
41 supplier recurring charges. The PSAP providing 911 service is responsible to  
42 the communications service provider for all 911 installation, service,  
43 equipment, operation, and maintenance charges owed to the communications  
44 service provider. A PSAP may contract with a communications service  
45 provider on terms agreed to by the PSAP and the provider."

46           **SECTION 2.(b)** G.S. 143B-1400 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

47           "(19a) Military secondary PSAP. – A military PSAP that is able to receive the voice  
48 and data of a 911 call and to complete the call taking process dispatching law  
49 enforcement, medical, fire, or other responders in coordination with the  
50 primary PSAP."

1           **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law. Sections 1(a) and 1(b) apply  
2 to scholarships awarded beginning with the 2019-2020 academic year. Sections 2(a) and 2(b)  
3 apply to distributions for the 2019-2020 fiscal year and subsequent fiscal years.